



# Associated Students

## Resolution 6

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Subject: **Student Sustainability Initiative**

Date: **4/25/19**

**Whereas:** In response to the October Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report indicating an increased likelihood of reaching irreversible global warming temperatures sooner than previously predicted. The state of California and the IPCC Special Report has set clear goals of reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. In order to reach these goals, established by leading scientists and policy makers, we the people must take a firm stand in addressing climate change through bold action and innovation

**Whereas:** The state of California and IPCC has defined clear emission reduction goals. Policy alone unfortunately cannot achieve these goals and will require large parts of the population to make changes and consciously reduce their own carbon footprint.  
At a local level, Mt. SAC's own Climate Action Plan has set goals to reduce emissions and be carbon neutral by 2050. This three phase plan places Mt. SAC at the forefront of community colleges and must be followed through with immediate action. In order to reach these ambitious goals, it will take everyone's unified focus and commitment.

**Whereas:** The establishment of a Sustainability Policy by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors have made it imperative for all community colleges in California to develop an organized, comprehensive approach that incorporates the elements of sustainability, satisfies state regulations, takes advantage of available resources and complementary programs, and adopts the best practices of other institutions that are further along this path while most importantly taking advantage of available resources.

**Whereas:** We the people, must take action in addressing anthropogenic global warming. The challenge brought on by climate change, outlined in the 2018 IPCC report, requires immediate attention and response from other student organizations. Mt. SAC A.S. are taking a step toward reaching the goals set forth by the state of California and the United Nations IPCC. We formally request the use of district funds and human resources to support the entire Mt. SAC community for

sustainability projects that include but are not limited to:

- a. Increasing public awareness on how to live more sustainably
- b. Research projects
- c. Renewable energy infrastructure
- d. Energy and water conservation endeavors
- e. Composting and improved recycling on campus

Lastly, we formally request further action in the following:

- f. Firm commitment to pursuing action laid out in the Mt. SAC Climate Action Plan
- g. Fossil fuel divestment from all campus organizations

**Therefore:**

Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve Student Sustainability Initiative

<b>A.S. Senate</b>			
For: _____	Against: <u>UNANIMOUS</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>5/21/09</u>
<b>A.S. Executive Board</b>			
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<b>A.S. President</b>			
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Subject: California Student Sustainability Resolution

Date: 4/25/19

**Whereas:**

In October 2018, the United Nations released the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report indicating a higher likelihood of reaching irreversible global warming temperatures sooner than previously predicted. The state of California and the IPCC Special Report has set goals of reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. In order to reach these goals, established by leading scientists and policy makers, we the people must take a firm stand in addressing climate change through bold action and innovation.

**Whereas:**

With passage of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB-32) and the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (SB-350) the California State Legislature has set clear goals to address climate change in recent years. California's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. This along with the United Nations IPCC report defines clear emission reduction goals. Policy alone unfortunately cannot achieve these goals and will require large parts of the population to make changes and consciously reduce their own carbon footprint.

At a local level, Mt. SAC's own Climate emissions and be carbon neutral by 2020. Mt. SAC at the forefront of community college immediate action. The UC system has committed to reducing GHG to 80% below 1990 levels by 2040. While the UC system has not made a similar commitment, the UC system has made commitments in the areas of energy that bear directly on GHG emissions and to achieve these goals, it will take everyone's unified

*① Sophia & Sebastian  
Must submit  
correct format*

**Whereas:**

Mt. San Antonio College Associated Students is the voice for the students and stewards of the academy. The Student Fee Handbook for California Community College students provides no guidelines for student funding towards sustainability related expenses. It is necessary to grant student government organizations across the state the

freedom to fund sustainability related projects that will assist in reaching local, state, and global levels of GHG reduction.

Effective policy reflects the needs and will of the majority, it is not meant to establish boundaries that limit progress. Student government organizations should be allowed the opportunity to decide whether or not to fund sustainability related endeavors. Furthermore, the passage of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB-32) and the establishment of a Sustainability Policy by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors have made it imperative for all community colleges in California to develop an organized, comprehensive approach that incorporates the elements of sustainability, satisfies state regulations, takes advantage of available resources and complementary programs, and adopts the best practices of other institutions that are further along this path.

**Whereas:**

We the people, must take action in addressing climate change. Mt. San Antonio College Associated Students are taking a step forward in reaching the goals set forth by the state of California and the United Nations IPCC. In order to have a greater impact we must encourage our peers across the state to do the same. We formally request to use student activity fee revenue to fund sustainability projects that include but are not limited to:

- a) Increasing public awareness on how to live more sustainability
- b) Research projects
- c) Renewable energy infrastructure
- d) Energy and water conservation endeavors
- e) Composting and improved recycling on campus

Lastly, we formally request further action in the following:

- f) Firm commitment from the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees, administration and community to pursue action laid out in the Mt. SAC Climate Action Plan
- g) Fossil fuel divestment from all campus organizations

Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve California Student Sustainability Resolution.

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<b>A.S. Executive Board</b>			
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## **Resolution after changes: Student Sustainability Initiative**

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